The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Secretary of the Mavy Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gates,

I understand that Maval Reserve Flag Selection Boards are tentatively scheduled to be convened during the Fall of 1998 for line and staff comps categories in which vacancies exist, to consider eligible officers on inactive duty and reserve officers on active duty in the active reserve program.

I should like to recommend that careful attention be given to the outstanding record and qualifications of Captain James A. Garrison, USBER-R, who for the past several years has commanded

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Captain Garrison has filled a key position as a major office head, Director of Logisties, GS-18, in the Agency for a masher of years, and has consistently demonstrated outstanding abilities and executive talents. His loyalty and devotion to the Mavy is, of source, common knowledge within the Agency. Despite the heavy burden of the duties and responsibilities of the high position which he occupies here, he has devoted much of his own free time and effort not only to the constant improvement of his Maval Reserve Unit, but also to increasing his own professional Maval Officer capacities and capabilities. Obviously, this has increased his value not only to the Mavy but also to this Agency. I understand that the following specific courses have been completed:

- 1. 1952 the Bocnomic Mobilization Correspondence Course conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces;
- 2. 1953 -- the Senior Reserve Officers Refresher Course and Global Strategy Discussions;
- 3. 1954 -- the United States Neval War College Correspondence Course in Logistics;

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- 4. 1954-5-- the Mational Resources Conference conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Toledo, Chio;
- 5. 1956 -- the Psychological Warfare School Officer Orientation Course of the Department of the Army;
- 6. 1957 -- the Industrial Relations Seminar for Reserve Officers sponsored by the Chief of Industrial Relations of the Sixth Haval District;
- 7. 1958 -- the Special Forces Officer Orientation Course of the Special Warfare School of the Repartment of the Army;

the Department of the Havy Correspondence Course in Contract Law, which he is presently completing.

This continuous demonstration of interest and desire for additional professional capacity has been reflected in the recent excellent rating of our Naval Reserve Unit as to its administration and training program.

As evidenced by the position and grade which he holds in this Agency, I regard Captain Garrison as being eminently qualified in personal character, essentive ability, and leadership for advancement to flag officer rank. Although I am less familiar with his professional Navy qualifications, I commend him for his known devotion to duty and leadership with our active randy reserve unit, and unhesitatingly recommend his promotion to flag rank in the Maral Reserve whenever he meets the established criteria for such advancement.

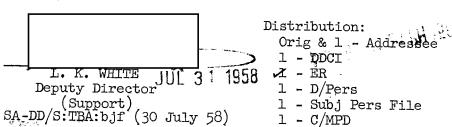
Sincerely,

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C. P. Cabell General, USAF Deputy Director

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